IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 7886 OF 2006

Ghanshyam Uttam Thakur ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Maharashtra and others .... Respondents

Mr. R.D. Mendadkar with Mrs. Helen Mandlik for the petitioner.
Mr. R.D. Rane, Government Pleader, for respondent Nos. 1 to 3.

CORAM: **H.S. BEDI, C.J.,** &
DR. D.Y. CHANDRACHUD, J.

DATE: **DECEMBER 04, 2006**.

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Rule. By consent, rule is made returnable forthwith. Heard counsel for the parties.

2. The grievance of the petitioner is that his caste claim is pending verification with respondent No.2 Committee and respondent Nos. 3 and 4 have sought to cancel the admission of the petitioner on the ground that he had not submitted the caste validity certificate within 12 weeks from the date of admission and that his result of the first year B. Pharma degree course has not been declared.

2. In these peculiar facts and circumstances, respondent No.2 Committee is directed to dispose of the proceedings regarding caste verification of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible and, in any event, within three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In the meanwhile, respondent Nos. 3 and 4 are directed to permit the Petitioner to prosecute his studies till the decision of respondent No.2 Committee, with further directions to take all consequential actions including declaration of result of the First Year B. Pharmacy Degree Course examination held in the month of May, 2006. It is further directed that in case the decision of respondent No.2 Committee is adverse to the petitioner, the same shall not be given effect to for a period of three weeks from the date of communication of such other to the petitioner.

3. Rule is made absolute in the aforesaid terms with no order as to costs.

CHIEF JUSTICE

DR. D.Y. CHANDRACHUD, J.